



Staff Report

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY OF BELMONT FY06 NPDES program. These fees are distinct from the Countywide NPDES fees, also on this agenda, in that they are solely for funding City of Belmont activities. If approved and authorized by Council, the San Mateo Tax Assessor will collect these annual fees on behalf of the City by placing them on the property tax roll as they have done in previous years. The rate of assessment is unchanged from that collected in previous years.

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

City Council approval is requested to assess fees on property owners to fund the City of Belmont FY06 NPDES program. These fees are distinct from the Countywide NPDES fees, also on this agenda, in that they are solely for funding City of Belmont activities. If approved and authorized by Council, the San Mateo Tax Assessor will collect these annual fees on behalf of the City by placing them on the property tax roll as they have done in previous years. The rate of assessment is unchanged from that collected in previous years.

Background

In 1999, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) issued the City of Belmont and other San Mateo County municipalities a five-year NPDES stormwater discharge permit incorporating a stormwater pollution prevention workplan. Although scheduled to expire in 2004, this permit remains in effect until RWQCB issues a new permit. The workplan includes both program requirements and performance standards. C/CAG formed the San Mateo Countywide Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (STOPPP) program to conduct the programmatic activities on behalf of the member agencies. The individual cities are responsible for conducting the performance standard activities including development review, inspection, cleaning and public education.

Discussion

This annual City NPDES fee funds activities including cleaning (street sweeping, catch basin vacuuming, and pump station maintenance), inspection and enforcement (commercial facilities and illicit discharges), and public education (catch basin stenciling, creek cleanup and county fair booth sponsorship). The fee also funds staff participation in the STOPPP technical advisory committee and five subcommittees (New Development, Commercial and Industrial Illicit Discharge, Public Information and Participation, Municipal Government Maintenance, and Watershed Assessment) as required by the permit. Each year, staff assigned to the committees are required to attend six to ten meetings, complete several projects, and take part in workshops

and training. Staff are required to conduct the various activities required by the permit throughout the year and the City is required to submit two status reports to self-report permit compliance to the RWQCB each year. If the fee is not approved, the City will need to pay for the activities necessary to satisfy the NPDES permit performance standards from other funds. The City has limited discretion in deciding whether to conduct these activities because they are required by the NPDES permit.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed fee is projected to generate approximately \$407,000 in revenue for the City's NPDES/Stormwater fund (525-9999-6731). The Finance Department is preparing a "Non-Point Source Storm Drainage Fees" report compiling and computing the fees by parcel. The rate structure is as follows:

CATEGORY	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PARCELS	FEE
Single Family	6,917	\$30.00 plus \$30 for each acre over one
Condominium	375	\$30.00 per unit
Duplex	81	\$30.00 times 2/3 the number of units
Multi-Family	271	\$30.00 times 2/3 the number of units
Commercial	275	\$30.00 times the number of acres
Undeveloped	245	\$30.00 times the number of acres
All others	114	no charge
Additional Transaction Fee*	Applies to all	\$1.25 per parcel

*The transaction fee is an additional pass-through fee per parcel to be paid to the tax assessor's office for its service.

Public Contact

Notice was published for this hearing. The item was also posted with the Council agenda.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council approve preparation of the report of charges contained in the "Non-Point Source Storm Drainage Fees for FY 2006," elect to have said fees collected on the San Mateo County tax roll

Alternatives

1. Refer back to staff for additional information.
2. Deny approval.

Attachments

A. Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

Jack Crist
Interim City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT APPROVING
FY06 NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM CHARGES
AND ELECTION TO HAVE CHARGES COLLECTED ON THE TAX ROLL**

WHEREAS, in 1999 the California Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a five-year National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater discharge permit to the City of Belmont that will remain in effect until a new permit is issued; and,

WHEREAS, this permit requires the City of Belmont to comply with stormwater pollution prevention performance standards for municipal maintenance, commercial inspection and public education as described in the San Mateo Countywide Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City is preparing the “Non-Point Source Drainage Fees, FY 2006” containing a description of each parcel or real property and the amount of the charge for each parcel; and,

WHEREAS, the fee schedule by parcel category as set forth in said report is summarized as follows:

Single Family	\$30.00 plus \$30 for each acre over one
Condominium	\$30.00 per unit
Duplex and Multi-Family	\$30.00 times 2/3 number of units
Commercial	\$30.00 times 20 times number of acres
Institutional	\$30.00 times number of acres
Undeveloped	\$30.00 times number of acres
All others	no charge
Additional Transaction Fee	\$1.25 per parcel

WHEREAS, the total fee to be collected from parcels and real property on behalf of the City of Belmont for stormwater pollution prevention activities is projected to be approximately \$407,000; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held and all objections or protests to the above referenced report were heard.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Belmont that all protests having been heard:

1. Preparation of the “Non-Point Source Drainage Fees, FY 2006” report is approved.
2. The annual NPDES fees for parcels as set out in above is approved for FY06.
3. The City elects to have the fee collected by the County Assessor on the property tax roll.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at the regular meeting thereof held on June 14, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont